

MASSES	
Saturday	5:30PM
Sunday	9:00, 11:00 AM, 5:30 PM
Weekdays & Holydays	Consult bulletin
Adoration	Thursday 7:00 AM-Friday 7:00 AM
Baptism	First Sunday of the month; contact RCIA/RCIC Coordinator.
Reconciliation	Wednesday 6:00—7:00 PM Saturday 4:00—5:00 PM
Matrimony	Six months preparation necessary; call Father for an appointment.
Anointing	Call Father.

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Let's All Become 'Poor in Spirit'

I started reading a book recently called "The Price of Privilege." Although I generally do not like to write about a book until I've finished it – because I never know where it will lead – sometimes I can't help it.

This book is basically a psychological treatise on why children who come from upper middle class homes are not becoming the latest at-risk group for distressing emotional disorders. This particular group of kids – long considered to be the least endangered – are becoming more prone to depression, aggression, eating disorders and self-mutilation.

Interestingly, I discovered a parallel between this book and my current meditation on the Beatitudes. Recall that the Beatitudes are those "Blessed are..." lists that are in the Gospels – Matthew Chapter 5 and Luke Chapter 6.

Matthew offers: Blessed are the poor in spirit for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."

His emphasis on "poor in spirit" draws our attention to the Old Testament understanding that those who are materially poor place their confidence in God. It could extend, however, to each of us – no matter our social rank – indicating our need to recognize our complete dependence on God.

So one question continued to rise up during my meditation: How do those who live in contentment recognize a need for God when they apparently lack nothing?

Perhaps there is a connection between this Beatitude and the emptiness many teenagers are experience today as described by author Madeline Levine.

In "The Price of Privilege" she describes a teenage patient. The 15-year-old girl pushed up her long sleeve – with an opening in the cuff for her thumb (a typical cutter's camouflage) – and revealed the razor-etched word she had carved onto her forearm: "empty."


Although she has been treating unhappy teens for over 25 years, this child bothered her. Why was she seeing so many upper-middle-class kids – with everything from doting parents to the best opportunities – so miserable?









Describing a variety of possible reasons, one concern struck me as very significant.

She writes: "Children simply cannot be parented in absentia. Material advantages do not lessen the sting of unavailability. Kids get in trouble when no one is paying attention." Although I would argue that some kids get into trouble even when we are paying attention, she goes on to make this glaring statement: "Friends, nannies, housekeepers, au pairs or older siblings cannot fill the role that a concerned and involved parent occupies."

I have been waving that flag for years.


(Continued inside)

The Mass Intentions  and The Week Ahead	
Monday, August 2, Saint Eusebius of Vercelli, bishop; Saint Peter Julian Eymard, priest	
7:00 AM	Mass in Chapel, † Bernard Sr. & Alice McEnanly
Tuesday, August 3, Weekday	
Wednesday, August 4, Saint John Mary Vianney, priest	
5:30 PM	Mass, † Bill Fix
6:00 PM	Reconciliation
Thursday, August 5, The Dedication of the Basilica of Saint Mary Major in Rome	
7:00 AM	Mass, † The poor souls in Purgatory
7:30 AM	24-hour Eucharistic Adoration
9:15 AM	Rosary
6:00 PM	St. Dorothy's Garden Group
Friday August 6, The Transfiguration of the Lord	
9:00 AM	Mass, † Karl Karasiewicz
Saturday, August 7, 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time	
4:00 PM	Reconciliation until 5:00
5:30 PM	Mass, † Julia Neider & Anne Steimel
Sunday, August 8, 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time	
8:30 AM	The Holy Rosary
9:00 AM	Mass, † Martha Dyer and Gordon & Sharon Pickerd in honor of their 43rd Wedding Anniversary
11:00 AM	Mass, † Stephen May
5:30 PM	Mass, † The members of our Parish
8:00 PM	Gr 8—Young Adult Basketball

Liturgical Ministers & Volunteers for August 7 & 8		
	5:30 PM	Aggie Zemke
	9:00 AM	Jackie Lyals
	11:00 AM	Mike Jones
	5:30 PM	David Tammens
	5:30 PM	Tom Kuehl & Mike Tomich
	9:00 AM	Therese Cotter & Bernie Siehling
	11:00 AM	Robert Crook & Jim Wisniewski
	5:30 PM	Janet Cornell & Alicia Urbane
	5:30 PM	A. & D. Doerr, C. & J. Firlit, K. Gould, L. Moerdyk & T. TenEyck
	9:00 AM	S. & T. Barnes, C. Bolek, B. Grondsma, E. Heys & E. Schmuker
	11:00 AM	L. Bush, B. Coleman, R. DePuydt, K. Egan, K. Hillary, A. Petersen & M. Siegel
	5:30 PM	S. Barnes, T. Clonan, K. Cruickshank, L. McClellan, M. Niles, B. & B. Rogers
	5:30 PM	C. Casapao, A. & S. Paganelli
	9:00 AM	A. Burns, D. & M. Luczyk
	11:00 AM	C. Riddering, B. & C. Wildman
	5:30 PM	K. Cruickshank, M. Niles & N. O'Connell
	All Masses	Team A
	11:00 AM	Kathleen Feeney-Stuive, Emily Schwanzl & Libby O'Brien
		Julie Starr, Jan Kuzma, Doris Dietrich & Dorothy Remington
		Meg Frodl & Tina Boarts


Readings for the Week of August 1, 2010

Monday: Jer 28: 1-17; Mt 14: 13-21
 Tuesday: Jer 30: 1-2, 12-15, 18-22; Mt 14: 22-36
 Wednesday: Jer 31: 1-7; Mt 15: 21-28
 Thursday: Jer 31: 31-34; Mt 16: 13-23
 Friday: Dn 7: 9-10, 13-14; 2 Pt 1: 16-19; Lk 9: 28-36
 Saturday: Hb 1: 12—2: 4; Mt 17: 14-20
 Sunday: Wis 18: 6-9; Heb 11: 1-2, 8-19; Lk 12: 32-48

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Our prayers and condolences to the family of Dolores Bontekoe who passed away on July 19, 2010. May she and all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

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 July 25—week 4

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Envelopes Issued.....	1125
Envelopes & EFT Returned (27%).....	309
Annual Goal To Date.....	\$73,308.00
Actual	\$62,781.68

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She goes on to note that the unhappiness her young clients experience comes from “both physical and psychological isolation from adults – from their parents in particular.”

There’s a lot in this book as she further examines the pressure helicopter parents (those who hover over every aspect of their child’s life) put on their teen in regards to grades, social activities and their future potential. She calls for healthy parental involvement, rather than the highly destructive conditional love frequently attached to achievement.

But, I digress. Back to my question: How do any of us become “poor in spirit” when we lead lives of privilege and contentment? How can our children ever learn to comprehend such a healthy dependence on God?

For starters, we need to stop seeing God as the need-provider, the one whose job it is to step in whenever we need a job, food or comfort. He intervenes, that’s true, but to be “poor in spirit” is to recognize our dependence on God, not only in times of desperation or need but all of the time. This becomes even more challenging within lives of material wealth because of the illusion of security that wealth creates.

I believe that when we are able to convey to our teenagers that their emptiness cannot be filled with things of this world but only God, we will truly be onto something. As their parents, it is up to us to figure out how to do this and it will, no doubt, start with our own practice of poverty of spirit.

Janet Cassidy (The Catholic Weekly, February 2007)

Dear Father Peter, Deacon Peter, Parish Staff, Parish Organizations, and all Assumption Parishioners,

I want to express our heartfelt gratitude to all of you for coming to share our joy for the Centennial Celebration of the Foundation of our Religious Missionary Community on July 17, 2010. We thank you for the Commemorative Plaque and the album of Commemorative Comments you gave us for the occasion. We truly enjoy reading your kind remarks, memories, and good wishes; and when we do so, we send a prayer your way.

On behalf of all the Sisters, I want to thank you, Father Peter, in a special way for welcoming us at beautiful Assumption Church for a most memorable Eucharistic Celebration and for making available to us the Family Life Center for the reception. Your hospitality is truly outstanding and much appreciated. So many people remarked to us how much they enjoyed both the celebration and the atmosphere of welcome that they experienced in the faith community of Assumption Parish and its gathering space and facility. We are most grateful to the many who volunteered time, energy and talent to make of this day a memorable one for all of us.

We pray that all of you will continue to experience the loving presence of the Lord in your life now and in the future.

Wishing you many Blessings through the intercession of Our Lady Consolata,

Gratefully,
Sister Zelita Maria Bragagnolo, MC
and the Consolata Missionary Sisters

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